

TRINATIONAL SARDINE FORUM

FORO TRINACIONAL DE LA SARDINA



4th ANNUAL MEETING

***SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL FISHING ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS
SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA, USA***

LOCATION, TIME, AND DATE

The meeting will be held at the Southern California Commercial Fishing Association's Headquarters above Utro's Restaurant at the Wharf, Berth 73, San Pedro, California. This is about a 10-15 minute walk from the hotel, so rental cars are not essential. We will provide transportation for the field trip or for other off-site activities that might be planned. The meeting will begin at 8:00 am on Thursday, December 4th and end by 5:30 pm on Friday, December 5th.

DRAFT AGENDA

A draft concept agenda is attached for your review. We tried to fit everything in that people have suggested at this point and still hold the meeting to two full days, with a very compressed schedule. This has two implications: 1) we will not end until 5 or 6 pm on Friday; and 2) we must stick to the times on the agenda. We will have to enforce the times with speakers, so please limit your talks to the essentials and do not exceed the limit. A laptop, computer projector, and overhead projector will be available. The laptop will have PowerPoint 2002, Corel Presentations (2000), and Adobe Acrobat available. Please bring your electronic presentation on floppy disk, CD-ROM, or thumb drive (memory key).

WORKING GROUPS

The principal goal of the working groups is to promote coast-wide cooperation in producing information needed on the biology and dynamics of the population. We are operating on the assumption that the Forum will continue with the three working groups from 2002, but this is a matter for the Forum to decide as a whole. Please let us know if you think some other topics should be included:

WG 1: Age structure and adult sampling group, chaired by Kevin Hill; results from the recent Sardine Ageing Workshop and cross-lab ageing project will be discussed, along with ongoing issues pertaining to coast-wide adult sampling and databases.

WG 2: Regional biomass estimates, chaired by Nancy Lo; the group has done some good work in the past and new regional estimates are occurring in 2003-04. Linking plankton surveys in Mexico and the U.S. is an ongoing activity covered by this working group.

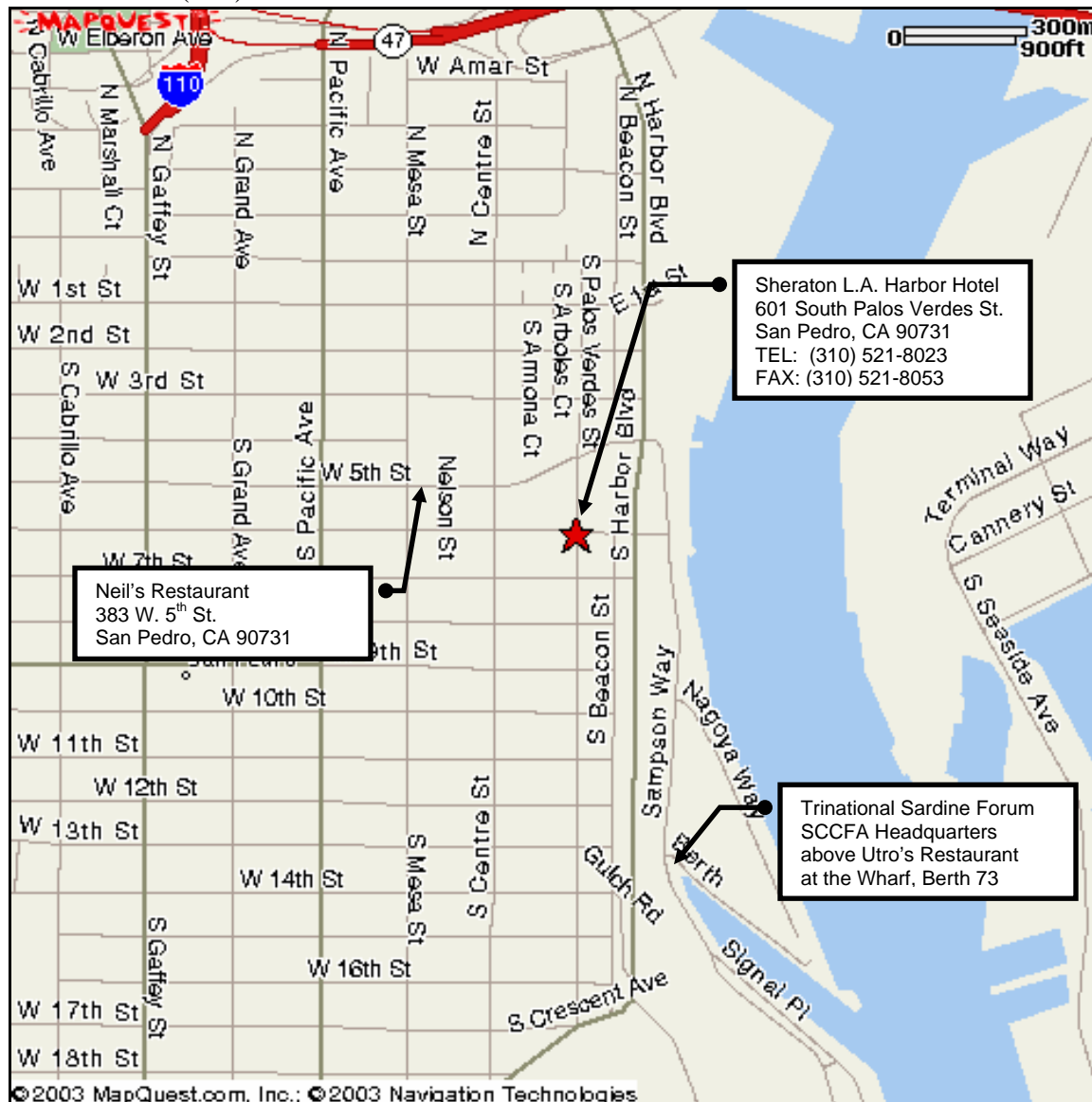
WG 3: Identifying sardine movements, origins, and population structure, chaired by Russ Vetter; research on stock structure will be a Focus Issue on Thursday afternoon, so this group

will have an abundance of material for discussion on Friday.

HOTEL INFORMATION

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Sheraton Los Angeles Harbor Hotel in San Pedro, California. You can contact the hotel directly for reservations at (888-890-9888) between 9:00am - 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. The block is under 'Trinational Sardine Forum' and the rate is \$84.00 plus tax per night; **NOTE: the room block expires on November 28th.** You will need to guarantee your room with your credit card. The group rate is also available two days before and days after the event, subject to availability. Cancellation policy is 4:00pm PST on the day of arrival without penalty; a no-show will incur one night's room and tax. Hotel check in time is 3:00pm and check out is 12:00 pm. A shuttle from LAX is about \$15.00 each way (e.g., Prime Time Shuttle at 800-599-9990; 24 hrs notice is required).

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San Pedro, California, USA

December 4-5, 2003

Thursday, December 4, 2003

8:00 AM Welcome and Meeting Logistics

Tim Baumgartner, Kevin Hill, Orlando Amoroso

STATUS OF REGIONAL SARDINE FISHERIES

8:15 AM	Gulf of California	Manuel Nevarez
8:30 AM	Southern Baja California	Roberto Felix / Casimiro Quiñonez
8:45 AM	Northern Baja California	Eva Coter
9:00 AM	California	Kelly O'Reilly
9:15 AM	Oregon	Jean McCrae
9:30 AM	Washington	Michele Robinson
9:45 AM	British Columbia	Jake Schweigert
10:00 AM	Break	

RESEARCH PLANS AND REPORTS

10:20 AM	Gulf of California	Manuel Nevarez
10:40 AM	Southern Baja California	R. Felix / C. Quiñonez / Rene Funes / Martin Hernandez
11:00 AM	Northern Baja California	E. Coter / Yanira Green / T. Baumgartner
11:20 AM	U.S. Sardine Assessment	Ray Conser
11:40 AM	U.S. SWFSC Survey	Bev Macewicz
12:00 PM	Lunch Break	

RESEARCH PLANS AND REPORTS (Continued)

1:30 PM	U.S. NWFSF Survey	Robert Emmett
1:50 PM	British Columbia	Sandy McFarlane
2:10 PM	SIO Recruitment Forecasting Project	Guillermo Auad / Art Miller / T. Baumgartner

FOCUS ISSUE #1: DEFINING STOCK STRUCTURE

2:30 PM	Structure in the West Coast Sardine population	Paul Smith
2:50 PM	Regional Biomass Estimates	Nancy Lo
3:10 PM	Migration Modeling	Nancy Lo
3:30 PM	Break	
3:50 PM	VHS Virus	Kristen Arkush / Ron Hedrick
4:10 PM	Genetic Structure	Axa Rocha
4:30 PM	Otolith microchemistry	Sharon Herzka / Russ Vetter
4:50 PM	Morphometric Indices	Felipe Neri
5:10 PM	Seasonal SST & Catch Along the Coast	Roberto Felix
5:30 PM	Adjourn	

EVENING RECEPTION AT NEIL'S RESTAURANT

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6:00 AM **Optional Field Trip to Tri-Marine Processing Plant**

FOCUS ISSUE #2: EMERGING ISSUES FOR THE SARDINE INDUSTRY

8:00 AM Industry Round Table: Identify Issues and Their Priority

WORKING GROUP SESSIONS

9:30 AM Instructions to Working Groups

9:45 AM Working Groups meet (break at each group's discretion)

12:00 PM **Lunch at Rafaello's**

1:30 PM Working Groups report back

3:30 PM **Break**

3:50 PM Draft Key Findings and Recommendations for 2003 Report

5:30 PM **Adjourn**

TRINATIONAL WORKING GROUPS (per 2002)

Regional Estimates of Biomass [Lo, Chair]

Stock Structure and Latitudinal Origins [Vetter, Chair]

Adult Sampling/Ageing/Databases [Hill, Chair]